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### THE CAT.

"I cannot tell how the truth may be,  
I tell the tale as 'twas told to me."

#### CAT-CHINGS.

Land locators are busy.  
Snow storm last Sunday.  
New settlers continue to pour in.  
Remember Reynolds and Vancleve,  
J. A. Walker's house is nearly completed.  
Colby wants a blacksmith and must have one.  
Monument needs a chute for unloading stock.  
You can begin to see new houses in every direction.  
A. G. Eddy made a trip to the railroad yesterday.  
H. Claar, of Hawkeye, gave us a pleasant call Tuesday.  
March breezes will soon be fired out by April showers.  
W. M. Vert, of Alma, Neb., has located west of Colby.  
A livery barn will be erected as soon as the lumber is here.  
The Danes are settling between the two Solomons, on 9-33.  
C. C. Reynolds is kept busy making out papers for new settlers.  
The newcomers are nearly all bringing in blooded stock. Good idea.  
Guess which land locator got lost. We have promised not to tell.  
McElroy & Simpson, Oberlin, do all kinds of law and land business.  
In one month not a timber claim in Thomas county will be vacant.  
We claim for Thomas county the best lay-out, body of land in the State.  
A man named Kirkpatrick, from Nebraska, will bring in another well auger.  
H. Claar, Hawkeye, Decatur county, has corn, rye and millet seed for sale. 5w  
Monument, on the A. P. road, is getting to be quite a popular way to reach Thomas county.  
Wheat, rye and cane are sure crops here. Corn will be equally sure in two or three years.  
McElroy & Simpson have a few choice farms for sale for cash or time, Oberlin, Kansas. 2tf  
We are sorry to hear of the serious illness of F. S. See. Hope to see him out again soon.  
"And what do you do for hand-spikes when you have no timber?" was the inquiry of a newcomer.  
Al. Bieber landed a car load of goods and stock at Monument, last Saturday. He is located near Colby.  
One of the solid arguments in favor of Thomas county, is the fact that every old settler has done well.  
R. T. Hemming, Quickville, is a practical surveyor and locator, and invites patronage through a card in this issue.  
A man who complains of the lay of the land in Thomas county, would kick when his mother-in-law was dying.  
G. D. Bordon, accompanied by his wife and daughter, from Alma, Neb., was land looking in this county this week.  
"Thomas county or bust," seems to be the motto of a majority of the land hunters that pass through here.—Oberlin Herald.  
S. D. Decker's genial phiz lit up our sanctum Friday. He is the junior member of the firm of Parker & Decker, Oberlin.  
The Car block will be up in two or three weeks. At that time we will undoubtedly enlarge and give our readers a better paper.  
A blacksmith would do well at Colby. There is a chance to secure land as a further inducement for a mechanic of that kind.  
P. T. Turney has put on a double rig on the route between Colby and Oberlin, and is prepared to carry passengers and express.  
Last Friday night ten land hunters were camped at Coover & Vincent's, and Saturday night fourteen camped there. Every old settler gives a hearty welcome to the new comer and gives him the best he has, and all the information he can about the country.

C. C. REYNOLDS,  
Dep. Clerk District Court.

J. R. VANCELEVE,  
Practical Surveyor.

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COLBY, KANSAS.

The Oklahoma boom is nothing as compared with the Thomas county boom, and we are conceited enough to claim a better country.

Charley Colby, son of J. R. Colby, was the first white child born in the county, and Lester Irwin, son of J. W. Irwin, was the second.

The receipts of the Colby postoffice have increased about three hundred per cent within the last two weeks. J. W. Irwin is the efficient postmaster.

The thanks of the settlers of Thomas county are due the Oberlin Herald, for favors, and if Fred is not remembered by them we miss our guess.

Eleven sections of school land will be brought into market in the next 90 days. J. W. Irwin, Nathan Byars and J. R. Colby are the appraisers.

Among the good stock that Al. Bieber brought to Thomas county is a Norman colt, thoroughbred, a yearling, weighing about 1000 pounds.

Unlike the first settlement of many western counties, Thomas county is filling up with men who come to stay, men who are acquainted with inconveniences of living in a new country.

Coover & Vincent will not "bore" you for a job of work, but they will bore a hole in the ground for you if you want an abundance of fresh, soft water. No water, no pay.

W. H. Kingery, H. E. Macy, F. E. Macy, of Ashland, Neb., Joseph Byrnes, of Yutan, Neb., Sam'l and Ed. Naylor, of Lincoln, Neb., were among the throng from that State.

A woman writes to a neighboring exchange that a paper with such a name as the THOMAS COUNTY CAT cannot possibly succeed. We'll bet that she belongs to that class of females that climb cupolas and use telescopes to see the boys in swimming, and then complain of them.

There has not been a marriage solemnized in the county as yet, but the prospects are flattering. When such promising young men as Messrs. Leel, Mills, Crowl, Makeover, Barber Bros., et al., are laying around vacant, and the rush of fair damsels from Nebraska continues, we call the prospects blooming.

R. T. Hemming, of Quickville, Thomas county, has gone into the locating business. Thomas county is one of the prettiest pieces of land out of doors, and Hemming will do well in his new business.—O. Herald.

Coal can now be bought at Cleveland.

Sixty entries from Thomas county made at the land office Tuesday.

W. H. Copeland will erect a building in Colby soon, and attend to a general land and real estate business.

Gov. John A. Martin issues an original Arbor Day Proclamation fixing Thursday, April 2, as Arbor Day, and asks that it be made a general holiday.

The new skating rink at Oberlin, built by the Cornet Band, will be opened to the public, Friday, April 3d. Good music has been secured for the occasion.

The following gentlemen and jolly good fellows, were callers to-day: W. M. Forbes, banker, Rev. G. W. Hawley, E. C. Phillips, and B. F. Thomas, editor of the Argus, Table Rock, Neb.; Percy Pepon, editor of the Journal, Falls City, Neb., and E. O. Lewis, clerk of the Nebraska State Senate, Falls City. Our country was a marvel to them, and they all took land.

A plug hat out in this country can be made very useful. It would be outraging the customs and ideas of the west to wear it on the head, but comes very handy as a resort for native fuel, and in the spring time it makes an excellent hen's nest. The dude that wore one into this county, has "flew like a summer bird away."

Two young men who have just come from Smith county, Kansas, and are temporarily stopping with J. R. Colby, state that they passed as many as 150 wagons, loaded with land hunters, the most of them enquiring about Thomas county. These gentlemen, who have claims here, say there is an immense tide of immigration setting this way from Ottawa, Mitchell, Jewell and Smith counties, and from the eastern part of Nebraska. The beautiful lands of Thomas are attracting hundreds of worthy and substantial settlers.

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WELLS.—Are prepared to do well boring on short notice. make no charges unless a full supply of water is obtained.

The boys about town have voted E. P. Worcester, of the THOMAS CAT, a good fellow.—Oberlin Eye.

C. C. Reynolds has gone to Colby, Thomas county, to engage in the real estate business. Charley is thoroughly posted in the business and is one of the most courteous, painstaking and reliable men in the field.—O. Herald.

Number 1, volume 1, of the THOMAS COUNTY CAT, published at Colby, Kan., dropped in our sanctum this week. It is a bright new sheet and will be a credit to Northwestern Kansas. E. P. Worcester, one of our old neighbors, is one of the proprietors.—Brodhead, Wis., Register.

E. P. Worcester, of the THOMAS COUNTY CAT, passed through Lenora Tuesday morning on his way to Thomas county, and gave this office a pleasant call. Mr. Worcester is a very agreeable gentleman, and if we do not miss our guess, is a good printer, a regular rustler and will make his paper heard in the Northwest.—Lenora Leader.

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